

First Presbyterian Church

“THE GRAPEVINE”

FEBRUARY 2022



2022 “Per Capita”

\$26.74/ PER MEMBER

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**CALENDAR ITEMS:**

**Worship Service**

Sunday's @ 10am

**Communion Sunday/ Deacons Offering:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Each Month

**Crafter's Corner**

Wednesday's @ 10am (Lea Lounge)

**Quilters Group**

Thursday's @ 7pm (Fellowship Hall)

**Men's Breakfast**

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday's @ 8am (Four Corner's Restaurant)

**Church Office Closed – President's Day**

Monday, February 21

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SAVE THE DATE:

AUGUST 7 – 12, 2022

ZEPHYR POINT FAMILY CAMP
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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

- 1 *Georgiana Asah*
- 2 *Marie Patterson*  
*Helen Kelly*
- 4 *Dr. Sam Oh*
- 5 *Pat Brandes*
- 8 *Charlie Mendoza*  
*Connor Winkler*
- 10 *Kalani Schreiner*
- 16 *Kyle Link*
- 17 *Joel Pena*
- 22 *Carolyn Gamino*
- 23 *Jinor Morikang*  
*John Morikang*  
*Johnathan Morikang*
- 27 *Roy Patterson*  
*Jim Kruse*
- 28 *David Flanigan*



***Happy Anniversary:***

- 11 *Alex & Darline Pineda*
- 24 *Rick & Liz Hanson*

Dear Brothers & Sisters of First Presbyterian Church of Tracy,

We come to the second month of the New Year! We have traveled a journey that last seemed long and troublesome. To some point this is true, but in the big picture of God's plan and direction for our lives, personally, and our lives as part of the loving family of our Lord. Yes, there have been many challenges from Covid, and larger ones, such as the future of First Presbyterian Church. You should remember there is always the three lasting qualities of Faith, Hope, and Love! The greatest of these is LOVE! God's love is the power that makes life joyous and meaningful. It is the most important part of our lives.

Prayerfully consider what this wonderful gift from our Lord can do in you and through you this New Year!

In Jesus Love & Peace,  
Pastor David

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## SESSION ACTIVITIES

Training for both Session members and Deacons was held in Grant Hall on Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Jeri Viera Dahlke, the Stated Clerk of the North Central California Presbytery, Elder Cecilia Moran from the Committee on Ministry, and Rev. Dr. David Hill conducted the training.

During the worship service on January 30<sup>th</sup> the ordination and installation of officers took place.

**Lynda Mendoza** was installed to fill an unexpired term on the Session,  
Class of 2023

**Reiko Flanigan** was ordained and installed to fill an unexpired term on the  
Session, Class of 2023

**Roy Patterson** was installed to serve on the Session, Class of 2024

**David Flanigan** was ordained and installed to serve on the Session, Class  
of 2024

**Marie Patterson** was installed to fill an unexpired term on the Board of  
Deacons, Class of 2023

**Marietta McLellan** and **Darline Pineda** were installed to serve on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2024

**Nancy Rusch** was ordained and installed to serve on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2024

Although elected by the congregation, three incoming officers were not able to be in church during the ordination and installation. At a later date **Kathleen Buffleben** and **Don Burnett** will be installed to serve on Session, Class of 2024 and **Sandra DeVos** will be installed on the Board of Deacons, Class of 2024.

At a meeting of the Session following the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, committee assignments for 2022 were made.

| <u>COMMITTEE</u>                           | <u>CHAIR</u>              | <u>VICE CHAIR</u>     |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Building and Grounds                       | <b>Don Burnett</b>        | <b>David Flanigan</b> |
| Christian Education                        | <b>Lynda Mendoza</b>      | <b>Dale Brandes</b>   |
| Evangelism and<br>Membership<br>Fellowship | <b>Georgiana Asah</b>     | <b>Pat Brandes</b>    |
| Fundraising                                | <b>Alex Pineda</b>        |                       |
| Mission                                    | <b>Dale Brandes</b>       | <b>Pat Brandes</b>    |
| Nominating                                 | <b>Roy Patterson</b>      | <b>Reiko Flanigan</b> |
| Personnel                                  | <b>Alex Pineda</b>        | <b>David Flanigan</b> |
| Technology                                 | <b>Dale Brandes</b>       | <b>Alex Pineda</b>    |
| Worship and Music                          | <b>Kathleen Buffleben</b> | <b>Harold Reich</b>   |

**Roy Patterson** and **Lynda Mendoza** were elected President and Vice President respectively of the civil corporation of the First Presbyterian Church Society of Tracy, the name under which the church is registered with the California Secretary of State.

The church elects two Commissioners as representatives at Presbytery. **Alex Pineda** will continue to serve as one of the two Commissioners and **Georgiana Asah** was newly elected as the second Commissioner.

Ruling Elders who have been ordained for 50 years are **Don Bisbee** and **Paul McCormick**. **Jean Shipman** has been ordained as a Deacon for 50 years and **Harold Reich** has been a Deacon for 25 years. *Congratulations to them all!*

## SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS – FUNDRAISER EVENT

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Thanks to Rosemary Lara and help from Bob Opie, an application on behalf of our church was submitted to the City of Tracy for their yearly firework sales permit lottery. This was done about 3-4 years ago. Since then and year after year, we were greatly disappointed not to be picked out or make the alternate list. However, all that changed this year....

The great news is that our church got picked... 😊, which presents a great opportunity for us to interact with the community and to raise significant funds for our ministries and mission as a community church of Tracy. We're one out of ten organizations selected over the more than fifty applicants. Three other churches were selected including the one where we feed the homeless.

The bad news is that our church got picked ... 😊, but have no fear. With help from TNT Fireworks, we will receive training and guidance on how to effectively run this fundraiser event. It's going to require lots of volunteers to work the sales booth. It will start on June 28<sup>th</sup> until July 4<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation is that we start with 4 volunteers in 4-hour shifts until July 2<sup>nd</sup>. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, we start with 6 volunteers in the morning shift and increase it to 6-10 helpers in the afternoon/evening. We know this sounds like a lot of work, but we believe we, as a congregation, can raise to the challenge and can make an impact to our church and the community with any funds gained. We ask that each of you, prayerfully consider getting involved and help us make this fundraiser event a success.

Stay tuned for further details and keep an "eye out" for the sales booth signup sheets that will be published soon.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2021

| <b>General Fund</b>            | <b>December 2021</b> | <b>To Date</b> |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Balance Carried Forward        |                      | \$ 14,541.23   |                      |
| Matching Challenge Fund        |                      | \$ 49,725.04   |                      |
| Monthly Income                 | \$ 17,210.00         | \$143,331.14   |                      |
| Monthly expenses               | \$ 27,314.43         | \$171,921.25   |                      |
| Balance                        |                      |                | <b>\$35,676.16</b>   |
| <b>Special fund Balance</b>    |                      |                | <b>\$11,408.47</b>   |
| <b>In-and-Out Fund Balance</b> |                      |                | <b>\$10,382.02</b>   |
| <b>Memorial Fund</b>           |                      |                |                      |
| Undesignated                   |                      | \$ 5,775.00    |                      |
| Designated                     |                      | \$12,808.51    |                      |
| <b>Balance</b>                 |                      |                | <b>\$18,583.51</b>   |
| <b>Synod Savings Account</b>   |                      |                |                      |
| Youth Reserve                  |                      | \$1,096.53     |                      |
| Demand Account                 |                      | \$144,127.71   |                      |
| Julia Stutervant Fund          |                      | \$5,497.86     |                      |
| <b>Balance</b>                 |                      |                | <b>\$ 150,722.10</b> |